

G-IV-C-049

mid-late 19th c.

William Sharpless House

Swanton

Private

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

William Sharpless House

AND/OR COMMON

William C. Harvey House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Mt. Zion Rd. - .1 mile south of MD Rt. 135

6th

CITY, TOWN

Swanton

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Garrett County

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

William C. Harvey

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Garrett County Courthouse

Liber #: 301

Folio #: 478

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Third and Alder Streets

CITY, TOWN

Oakland

STATE

Maryland 21550

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

None

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION****CONDITION**☐ EXCELLENT☒ GOOD☐ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☐ UNALTERED☒ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The William Sharpless House is located on the west side of Mt. Zion Road approximately .1 mile south of Maryland Route 135 down a lane .3 mile from the road. The facade of the building points southwest.

The house is a frame, two story, gable-roofed building on a coursed, roughly squared stone foundation. Its basic configuration is a T-plan with both facade and rear porches. The rear wing is a later addition. The facade is composed of three bays of symmetrically placed windows with a door between the two bays at the southern end. The facade porch, which covers the southern half of the facade, is a recent construction. A scar on the building indicates the past presense of a full length porch.

The house rests on hewn sills and is constructed of vertical planks with horizontal bracing. Whitewashed weatherboard with cornerboards covers the framing.

The first floor windows of the main block have been replaced with one over one aluminum sash. Its second floor is lit by six over three sash, and the rear wing retains it two over two windows.

The roof is covered with asphalt, has a box cornice on the main block and boxed rafter ends on the rear addition. An interior stone chimney is located on the ridgline of the main block which leads to a large stone fireplace inside. This fireplace has been blocked and covered over in recent years, however. There is also an exterior cinderblock flue on the southeast side of the rear addition.

Cement block and stone footings support a shed porch on the northwest side of the rear wing. A porch on the southwest side of the wing has been removed.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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<input type="checkbox"/> 100-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

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Maryland Historical Trust/Bureau of Mines

DATE

March 1981

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

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CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

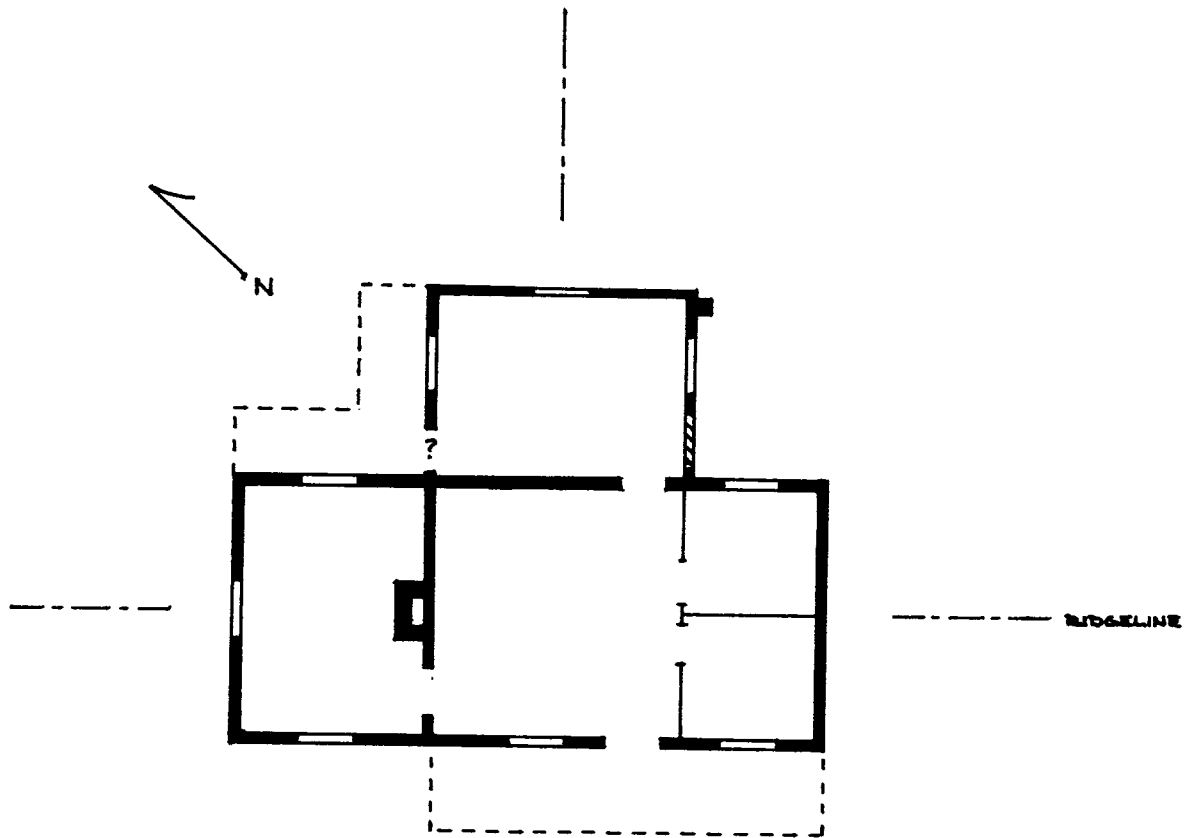
STATE

Maryland 21401

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

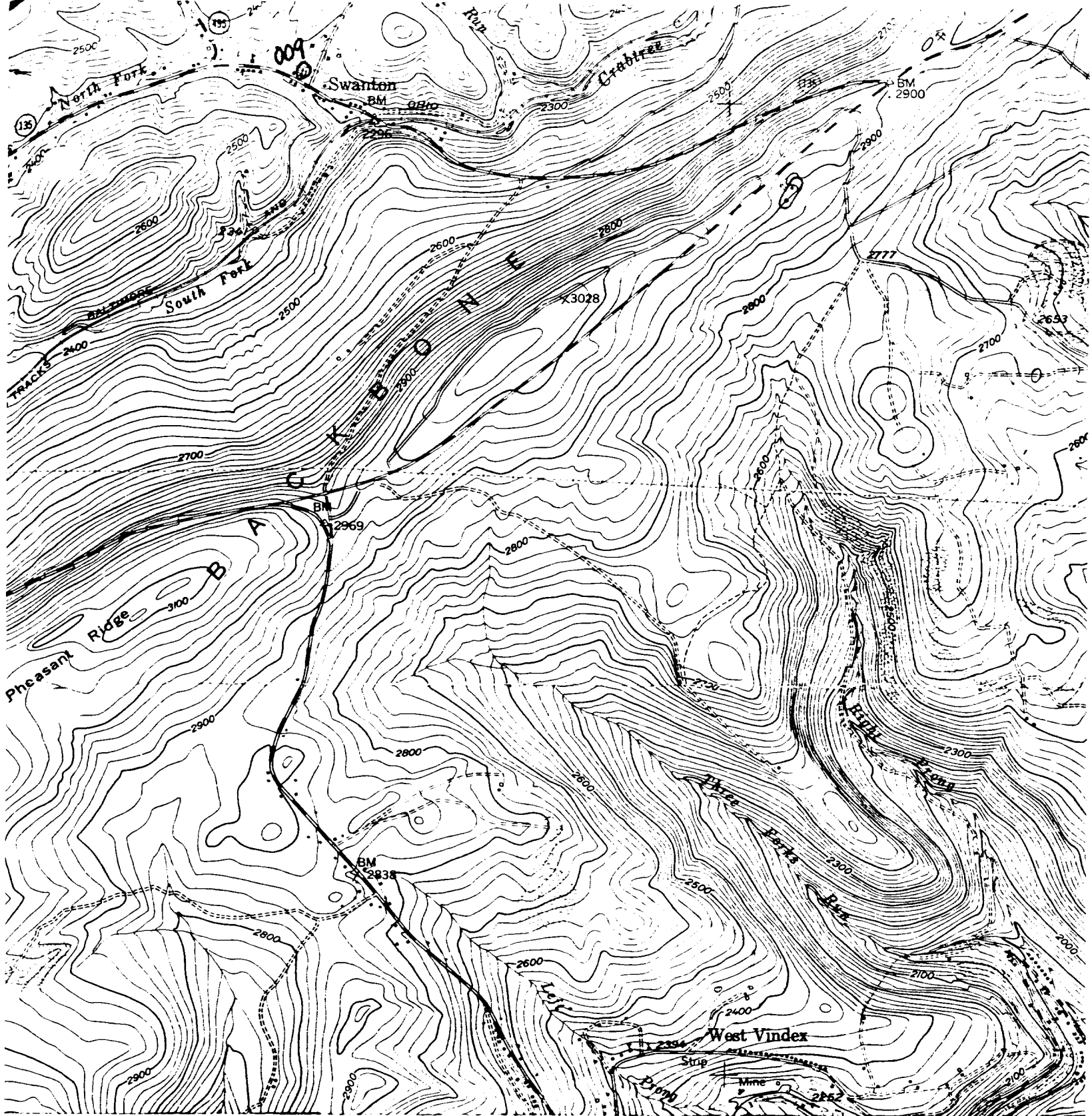
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WILLIAM SHARPLESS HOUSE  
GARRETT COUNTY,  
VICINITY OF SWANTON,  
MARYLAND

• BASIC HOUSE PLAN •  
NOT TO SCALE

VALERIE CESNA  
FEBRUARY 1981



Kitzmiller, Md. -W.Va. Quad  
 U.S.G.S. 7.5 minute series  
 1948, photorevised 1974  
 scale 1:24000

site no. : G-IV-C-049  
 William Sharpless House  
 W side of Mt. Zion Rd.,  
 just S of Md. Rte. 135





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Garrett Co., MD

Valerie Cesna 12/3/80

Facade, SW elev.



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Rear, NE & SE elevs.



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Rear: NW & NE elevs.